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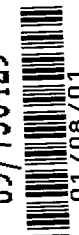
Docket No.: 54789 USA_B

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Title: GLASS MICROSPHERES FOR USE IN FILMS AND PROJECTION SCREEN DISPLAYS

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We are transmitting the following documents along with this Transmittal Sheet (which is submitted in triplicate):

☒ An originally filed copy of a Utility Patent Application: Specification (20 pgs); Claims (20 claims on 5 pgs); 1 pg Abstract.
☐ Design Patent Application: ___ pgs.

☒ 4 Sheets of formal drawings.

☒ An originally filed copy of a signed Declaration and Power of Attorney (9 pgs).

☒ A return postcard.

☒ An originally filed copy of an Assignment of the invention to 3M Innovative Properties Company and Recordation Form Cover Sheet (13 pgs).

☐ A check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the Assignment Recording Fee.

☐ A certified copy of a ___ application, Serial No. __, filed ____, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

☐ Computer readable form of "Sequence Listing." Applicants state that the paper copy form of the "Sequence Listing" section of the present application, and the computer readable form submitted herewith, are the same.

☒ Other: Request for Filing a Continuation Application Under Rule 1.53(b) (4 pgs).

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| | Number of Claims Filed (1) | Claims Included in Basic Filing Fee (2) | Number of Extra Claims (1-2) | Cost per Extra Claim | Fee Required |
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| Total Claims | 20 | 20 = | 0 | x \$18 = | \$0 |
| Independent Claims | 6 | 3 = | 3 | x \$80 = | \$240 |
| One or More Multiple Dependent Claims Presented? If Yes, Enter \$270 Here → | | | | | \$0 |
| Enter Basic Filing Fee (Utility Patent-\$710/Design Patent-\$320) Here → | | | | | \$710 |
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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER RULE §1.53(b)**

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of Serial No. 09/311,909, filed on May 14, 1999, entitled GLASS MICROSPHERES FOR USE IN FILMS AND PROJECTION SCREEN DISPLAYS by the following inventor(s) (name, address, and citizenship):

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1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the specification (including claims and abstract) as filed in the prior application.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a new specification (including claims and abstract). The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.
3. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the prior application.
4. ☐ Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. ☒ Enclosed are formal drawings (4 sheets).
6. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
7. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed (the filing fee calculation includes any new claims). (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

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8. X The filing fee is calculated below:

| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | |
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| NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | BASIC FEE \$710 |
| Total Claims 20-20 = | 0 | \$18 | \$0 |
| Independent Claims 6-3 = | 3 | \$80 | \$240 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED | | \$270 | \$0 |
| FILING FEE: | | | \$950 |

9. X A check in the amount of \$ 950.00 is attached.
10. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-4895.
11. This application is being filed by less than all of the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following inventor(s) who are not inventors of the invention claimed in the present application:
12. X Amend the specification by inserting as the first sentence on page 1, the following: -- This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/311,909, filed 14 May 1999, titled GLASS MICROSPHERES FOR USE IN FILMS AND PROJECTION SCREEN DISPLAYS (pending), which is incorporated herein by reference.--
13. Priority of foreign application Serial No. , filed on in (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
14. X The prior application is assigned of record to 3M Innovative Properties Company.
15. X The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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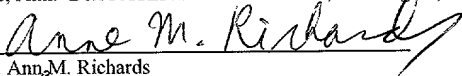


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